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DPSCS To Hold First Shore Re-Entry and Transition Services Town Meeting

***June 12 From 9-4 at Henson Center
on UMES Campus in Princess Anne***

TOWSON, MD (June 9, 2008)---The Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (DPSCS) will hold a landmark event on Thursday June 12 at the Richard A. Henson Center at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore: the first DPSCS Re-Entry and Transitional Services Town Meeting. This daylong event will feature key people and critical agencies whose work is vital to ex-offenders returning to the Eastern Shore.

Major speakers will include Division of Correction (DOC) Commissioner Mike Stouffer; Warden Robert Green of the Montgomery County Correctional Center (a noted re-entry and services expert); Milton Morris, Director of the Lower Shore Workforce Alliance; Scott Espenscheid, Coordinator of the Baltimore One-Stop Job Market; and many others. (The agenda is below.)

During the last fiscal year, more than 800 State prison inmates returned to communities on the Eastern Shore after finishing their sentences. They face many challenges upon their return to society. This event is a significant attempt to showcase available re-entry services, coordinate transition efforts, and learn from re-entry service providers from other areas of Maryland which typically deal with a much larger influx of returning inmates.

This Town Meeting is the first of three; later this year, DPSCS will have similar events in Western and Central Maryland.

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**DPSCS EASTERN SHORE RE-ENTRY AND TRANSITION SERVICES
TOWN MEETING**

June 12 Agenda

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| 8:30 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. | Registration and Continental Breakfast |
| 9:15 a.m. | Welcome Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Dr. Robert Harleston, Interim Chair, UMES Criminal Justice Department and former Warden at the Eastern Correctional Institution
(Representing UMES President Thelma B. Thompson) |
| 9:18 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. | Introductions and Keynote Speakers <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ J. Michael Stouffer, Commissioner, Division of Correction○ Robert Green, Warden, Montgomery County Correctional Facility |
| 10:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. | Break |
| 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon | <i>Connecting People to Services</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Amy Billing, Faculty Research Assistant (CESAR)○ Lorig Charkoudian, Ph.D., Maryland Association of Community Mediation Centers |
| 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. | Lunch |
| 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. | Panel Discussion: <i>Unique Needs of the Transitioning Incarcerated Individual</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Scott Espenscheid, Bonding Coordinator, Baltimore City One-Stop Job Market○ Bill Campbell, Transition Coordinator, MCTC○ Tammy Donaway, Career Center Manager, Goodwill Industries of the Chesapeake○ Rev. Howard Travers, Founder/CEO, House of Hope, Inc.○ Milton Morris, Director, Lower Shore Workforce Alliance○ Robert Green, Warden, Montgomery County Correctional Facility○ Kevin King, Captain, Eastern Correctional Institution○ Bishop Leon Wilson, Founder/CEO ReTemp Development and Resource Center |
| 2:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. | Break |
| 2:45 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. | Discussion: <i>Commitment to Transition Planning</i> |
| 4:00 p.m. | Adjournment |

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